IN THE CLAIMS

1-8.   (Canceled)

9.   (New)   A computer system comprising:

a first operating system (OS);

a multi-OS driver activated as a device driver of the

first OS;

a second OS; and

a plurality of hardware devices, wherein

the multi-OS driver manages rights of using the hardware

devices by the first and second OSs, and

wherein when the first OS uses a first hardware device of

the plurality of hardware devices, the first OS notifies the

multi-OS driver of a request for use of the first hardware

device, and in response thereto, the multi-OS driver notifies

the first OS of permission for using the first hardware

device, if a right of using the first hardware device has not

been provided to the second OS.

10.   (New)   The computer system according to claim 9,

wherein, when the first OS terminates use of the first

hardware device, the first OS notifies the multi-OS driver of

termination of using the first hardware device, and in

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response thereto, the multi-OS driver cancels the right of using the first hardware device assigned to the first OS.

11. (New) The computer system according to claim 10, wherein the multi-OS driver has a management table for managing the rights of using the plurality of hardware devices.

12. (New) The computer system according to claim 11, further comprising a memory, and

wherein the multi-OS driver is stored in the memory in an area accessed by the first and second OSs.

13. (New) The computer system according to claim 12, wherein the multi-OS driver is mapped in the memory in such a manner that the multi-OS driver is located in a same address area in both memory space of the first OS and memory space of the second OS.

14. (New) The computer system according to claim 13, wherein, when the first OS loads the multi-OS driver in the memory, the first OS maps the multi-OS driver at an arbitrary address area in the memory space of the first OS, and

thereafter, alters mapping in such a manner that the multi-OS driver thus mapped is re-mapped in said same address area.

15.   (New)   The computer system according to claim 14, wherein,

the first OS loads the second OS in an area of the memory allocated to the second OS, and activates the second OS, and

the second OS maps the loaded multi-OS driver in said same address area.